

**Purpose:** To help participants understand the developmental state of Resource Actions in the Environmental Work Group (EWG).

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**Category 1:** A Resource Action designated as Category 1 has sufficient information to determine that the action could reasonably be expected to produce beneficial results. The information includes existing scientific/technical information and data from Study Plans commissioned as part of the FERC Relicensing. A narrative report is prepared for each Category 1 action which provides additional technical, descriptive and feasibility detail.

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**Category 2:** These promising actions are awaiting Study Plan results before the EWG can fully assess them. Clearly defined dates are listed regarding when the necessary data will be available to allow EWG discussion. When enough information is available, a preliminary narrative report will be prepared to provide the EWG with as much information as possible before the final study plan results are completed. Upon completion of the study plans, the narrative report will be updated with the new information, and the EWG will determine if the Resource Action should be reclassified as either Category 1 or Category 4.

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**Category 3:** These are actions that have a high degree of uncertainty regarding the supporting basic science or the ability of the Resource Action to affect the desired outcome. It is likely that these actions would require development, implementation, and monitoring as components of an adaptive management program. Due to the level of uncertainty and length of time to develop additional information in support of the action, these actions would only be developed and considered if the existing suite of Resource Actions were deemed insufficient to meet the overall goals for protection, mitigation, and/or enhancement.

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**Category 4:** These are actions that have been recommended for no further action. Basis for this determination includes that the proposed Resource Action is:

- (a) Not really an action, but rather a study,
- (b) The action is not a realistic concept with regards to relicensing activities, or
- (c) The action addresses a potential problem that cannot be quantified or may not exist.

If necessary, actions listed as Category 4 can be revisited and modified or further developed to such an extent that they fill a gap in the existing suite of Resource Actions.

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**Category 5:** These are actions that have been recommended for no further action because they are duplicative and have been recommended for inclusion or addition to existing Resource Action, or the action is already required under existing regulations or agreements.

Basis for this determination includes that the proposed Resource Action:

- (a) Duplicates elements of a similar Resource Action,
- (b) Is being accomplished under the current FERC license or other agreement.